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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Applicants' undersigned counsel notes the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached with the Notice of Allowability mailed on November 29, 2007. The reasons set forth by the Examiner refer only to some of the features in independent claims 1 and 11, and are not the only reasons that all of the claims are allowable.

With respect to independent claim 1, the prior art fails to disclose or suggest an air sleeve comprising textile fibers having distributed over surface portions thereof an RFL adhesive; and a vulcanizable rubber composition comprising: (A) 50 to 100 parts by weight of polychloroprene rubber; (B) zero to 50 parts by weight of at least one additional rubber; and (C) from about 0.1 to 2 parts by weight of a hydrotalcite. Dependent claims 2-9 depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 1. Accordingly, each of dependent claims 2-9 is believed to be

allowable based upon at least the allowability of independent claim 1 and, furthermore, upon other features set forth in dependent claims 2-9 but not discussed herein.

With respect to independent claim 11, the prior art fails to disclose or suggest a method of adhering textile fibers to a vulcanizable rubber composition in an airsleeve air sleeve, the method comprising: (A) obtaining textile fibers having distributed over surface portions thereof an RFL adhesive; and (B) contacting said textile fibers with a vulcanizable rubber composition comprising: (1) 50 to 100 parts by weight of polychloroprene rubber; (2) zero to 50 parts by weight of at least one additional rubber; and (3) from about 0.1 to 2 parts by weight of a hydrotalcite. Dependent claims 12-19 depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 11. Accordingly, each of dependent claims 12-19 is believed to be allowable based upon at least the allowability of independent claim 11 and, furthermore, upon other features set forth in dependent claims 12-19 but not discussed herein.

If the Examiner disagrees with any of these comments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to provide further explanation on the record. Applicants do not believe fees are due in connection with filing this communication. If, however, any petition or additional fees are necessary because of this communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any under-payment or fees associated with this communication or credit any over-payment to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,
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